

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 769

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the members of the  
Breath of Life Christian Center on the occasion  
of the church's thirtieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of Tennessee are crucial elements contributing to the social and spiritual health of our State, and the members of this General Assembly are pleased to recognize significant milestones in the lives of those communities of faith; and

WHEREAS, the good people of the Breath of Life Christian Center (BOLCC) comprise one such congregation, and this year they are celebrating the church's thirty years of service to the Lord and their community; and

WHEREAS, the congregants of the BOLCC have been blessed with spiritual leadership from Dr. Sammie Holloway, who has faithfully guided the church throughout the many years of its existence; and

WHEREAS, under his astute leadership, that venerable religious institution opened its doors on July 11, 1982, and has continued to flourish throughout its history. It now serves as a house of worship for approximately 2,000 members; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the BOLCC has generously contributed to numerous benevolent causes and countless missionary efforts, both at home and abroad, including founding and supporting churches and schools in Haiti, establishing the Feed the Hungry Program in India, providing Thanksgiving baskets to underprivileged families in the area, adopting Quality Care Home of Memphis, and sponsoring a host of support groups; and

WHEREAS, standing as a beacon of support and love for the City of Memphis, the BOLCC hosts the annual District One Baccalaureate Services for Memphis City Schools, provides a Free Market for the Raleigh-Frayer community, hosts town hall meetings, and sponsors a variety of sports programs; and

WHEREAS, it also established the Raleigh Community Development Corporation, the Breath of Life Business Association, and the Breath of Life Preparatory Preschool; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, the BOLCC was recognized by Mayor A.C. Wharton for its generous financial assistance for the victims of Hurricane Katrina; and

WHEREAS, a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, the BOLCC is one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, the BOLCC has stood on the rock-solid foundation of Christian belief, service, and love for almost two centuries, serving as a bastion of faith and outreach to the people of Memphis, the surrounding area, and the world; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the Breath of Life Christian Center, thank the good people of this remarkable congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.